plemented by the Municipal bodies. Under this scheme, basic civic amenities as per prescribed standards are provided in the identified J.J. Clusters.

Slum Colonies in Bombay

3463. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many slum colonies in Bombay city;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to improve the existing slums and that no new slum colonies come up; and

(c) what are the various schemes and projects of Government for improvement of slums in Bombay city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Urban Development" is a State subject and specific scheme of slum improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the environmental improvement of slums rather than their massive clearance and relocation.

Besides, the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns was initiated during the Sixth Five Year Plan and is still in operation. Under this scheme, Central assistance is provided to small and medium towns for infrastructure development work so that migration to larger cities could be reduced. Further, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation provides loans to economically weaker sections of society at subsidised rates to cater to their housing and shelter upgradation needs. Finally, under the Scheme of Housing and Shelter Upgradation of the Nehru Rozgar Yojana, assistance is provided to economically weaker sections of society for training in construction trades and for upgradation of their dwelling units.

(c) The schemes for slum improvement are given below:—

(i) Under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities like low cost water supply drainage, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of lanes and street lighting are provided in urban slums. The EIUS is an integral part of the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) in urban areas. For the year 1992-93, an amount of Rs. 12.17 crores has been allocated for Maharashtra in the State's Annual Plan for the said programme.

(ii) During the Seventh Plan period, one time grant of Rs. 100 crores was sanctioned by the then Prime Minister in 1985 for tackling the housing and slum problems in Bombay. Upto 1991-92, Rs. 88 crores had been released to the Government of Maharashtra.

(iii) The Ministry of Finance has also allotted Rs. 50 crores to Maharashtra for provision of basic amenities in slums in Bombay on a matching basis—on the recommendation of the Ninth Finance Commission and Rs. 48.33 crores have since been released.

(iv) The World Bank assisted Bombay Urban Development project has a component of slum improvement worth Rs. 23.74 crores. Expenditure reported upto 31-3-92 is Rs. 5.54 crores

Shortage of residential accommodation in Bomaby

3464. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of re-